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SUBJECT: MOT BUDGET FUNDS TO CONTINUE STATESIDE TESTING OF U.S.

MADE AUTOMOBILES

REF: TOKYO 14204

1. SUMMARY. MOT WILL SEEK BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR STATESIDE TESTING OF 1979 MODEL AUTOMOBILES FROM FINANCE MINISTRY IN DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING DECEMBER 22 AND HAS ASKED FOR LETTER FROM USG REQUESTING TESTING. SUGGEST LETTER BELOW BE SENT. END SUMMARY.

2. MOT ROAD TRANSPORT BUREAU OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD EMBASSY THEY WILL BEGIN THEIR JFY 1978 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FINANCE MINISTRY ON DECEMBER 22 AND WILL INCLUDE A REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO AGAIN SEND MOT INSPECTORS TO THE U.S. TO CONDUCT WITNESS TESTING OF 1979 MODEL VEHICLES. TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING SUCH FUNDS, MOT HAS ASKED US FOR LETTER PREFERABLY FROM DOT OR FROM EMBASSY OFFICIAL. WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING TEXT:

3. BEGIN TEXT: DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THE
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U.S. AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE DISCUSSED VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH THE EXPORT OF U.S. MOTOR VEHICLES TO JAPAN MIGHT BE FACILITATED.

PARA. THIS PAST SUMMER, IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE 1978 U.S. MODELS TO BE MARKETED IN JAPAN, THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY SENT OFFICIALS

TO THE UNITED STATES TO CONDUCT TYPE APPROVAL TESTS.
THIS PROCEDURE CONSIDERABLY SHORTENED THE AMOUNT OF
TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS IN
JAPAN AND HAS ENABLED AT LEAST ONE U.S. MANUFACTURER
TO HAVE ALL HIS 1978 MODELS READY FOR SALE DURING
THE PEAK DECEMBER-JANUARY MARKETING PERIOD.

PARA. STATESIDE TESTING ALSO ENABLES U.S.
AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH MOT OFFICIALS
AND GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH THE JAPANESE
VEHICLE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND THE REASONS
FOR THEM.

PARA. DURING THE AUTO STANDARDS TALKS HELD IN
TOKYO IN SEPTEMBER, 1977, THE U.S. SIDE ASKED THAT THE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AGAIN CARRY OUT TYPE APPROVAL
TESTS ON 1979 MODELS IN THE UNITED STATES. ON NOVEMBER
4, THE EMBASSY FORWARDED THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY ON
BEHALF OF CHRYSLER, FORD AND GENERAL MOTORS, A LETTER
FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
CONTAINING A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF THE COST THAT WOULD
BE INVOLVED.

PARA. I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM OUR REQUEST THAT
TYPE APPROVAL TESTS AGAIN BE CARRIED OUT IN THE U.S.
ON 1979 MODELS AT CHRYSLER, FORD AND GM FACILITIES
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AND SPECIFICALLY URGE THE MINISTRY'S CONTINUED
COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER. END TEXT.

4. MOT HAS TOLD US LETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO TWO
DIRECTOR-GENERALS: S. NAKAMURA OR ROAD TRANSPORT
BUREAU AND M. HANAJIMA OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY AND
NUISANCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE. IF DOT OFFICIAL CANNOT
SIGN LETTER, SUGGEST EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO SEND
IT. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT
CHRYSLER, FORD AND GM STILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE
SINCE WE HAVE HAD SOME REPORTS GM IS RECONSIDERING.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THIS MOT INITIATIVE
AND WISH TO SUPPORT THEM IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN BUDGET
FUNDS. REQUEST ADVICE SOONEST.
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